

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-18 and 21-37 are currently pending in this application. Claims 4, 7-10, 12-18 and 21-37 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 3, 19 and 20 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the cancelled claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications. Upon consideration and entry of these remarks and amendment, claims 1, 5, 6 and 11 will be pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the indication on page 2 of the Office Action that claims 1, 5, 6 and 11 are allowable.

Rejections

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph

Claims 4, 7-10, 12-15, 35 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Without acquiescing in the rejection, Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, has been rendered moot by way of the instant amendments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph

Claims 8-10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for lacking proper antecedent basis. Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, has been rendered moot by way of the instant amendments. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph.

CONCLUSION


An indication of allowance of all claims is respectfully solicited. Early notification of a favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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